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MONO COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER ORDER REQUIRING SICK WORKERS TO STAY HOME

March 24, 2020 - In recent days it has become clear that Mono County and the Town of Mammoth Lakes, along with the rest of the world, are experiencing community spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). This means that people in Mono County and the Town of Mammoth Lakes are infected with COVID-19 and some are not sure how or where they became infected. For many weeks' health authorities have been asking people who are ill to stay home and avoid spreading disease. On March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a "Stay At Home" executive Order allowing only essential employees to physically report to work. Unfortunately, there have been local reports of such essential employees being at work while ill.

Therefore, on March 24, 2020, the Mono County Public Health Officer issued an order prohibiting employees from physically reporting to work if they are experiencing any signs of illness that could be COVID-19.

Employees should monitor their health for symptoms of illness including fever above 100.4 °F, body aches, cough, sore throat, or shortness of breath. If any of these symptoms develop, employees should notify their employer and stay at home.

Employers must screen employees daily for illness or ask employees to commit to timely reporting of illness. Ensuring all ill people stay at home is essential to mitigating the effects of COVID-19 on our community and therefore, violation of this order will be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or by imprisonment for up to 90 days. Businesses whose employees report to work ill may be forcibly closed and/or their employees who have been exposed will be ordered to remain guarantined for a period of up to 14 days.

Please utilize the resources below for information about the coronavirus.

Call: 211 | Website: MonoHealth.com/Coronavirus | Facebook.com/MonoHealthDepartment Instagram.com/MonoCountyHealthDepartment | Twitter.com/CountyMono

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we stand together to beat this disease.

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